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Navy Demobilization Ahead of Schedule— New Critical Scores Reveal Reductions

Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Chief of Naval Operations and Vice Admiral Louis Denfeld, Chief of Naval Personnel, reported to a joint meeting of both houses of Congress in Washington on 15 January that "no serious difficulties are being experienced anywhere in the demobilization program." Other portions of this report were summarized in a dispatch for the information of all hands:

"The original demobilization schedule, which would have released 836,000 men between V-J Day and 1 January, was revised upward in October by more than 30%. Even this stiffer schedule was exceeded by 36,000 when, by New Year's Eve, the Navy had released to civilian life 1,233,005 people. We will be half through demobilization by the end of this month or early February and the ultimate goal of a complete demobilization to post-war strength should be achieved as we had planned by 1 September of this year."

We are particularly proud of our record for last month in which we separated 419,000 persons, including 19,000 on one day, or a total of 66,000 more than we had originally planned to discharge in December.

"Point scores, which were originally set at 44 for most enlisted men and 49 for most officers, have been steadily lessened and by 2 March they will be down to 32 and 39, respectively. There are no more "frozen rates." Even the most critical ratings have point discharge scores, although they are necessarily somewhat higher than the rest.

"It is further the Navy's intention to continue to announce reductions in release scores in order that the previously announced demobilization schedule can be met and

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Ask Waves to Extend Period of Enlistment

In view of the nonavailability of qualified civilian replacements for job vacancies created by the discharge of Waves, essential Wave enlisted personnel are encouraged to extend their periods of service beyond the dates they normally would be eligible for release.

As an inducement toward voluntary requests for retention by qualified enlisted personnel, the Commanding Officer is authorized to waive the normal requirements and professional examination for usual advancement in ratings. An increase of one pay grade is to be effected providing the volunteer agrees to extend service until 1 September 1946, and her services are considered essential.

These provisions do not apply to male enlisted personnel due to the ultimate adverse effect on the post-war rating structure which does not include Waves.

Commo. Heim Completes Three and A Half Years as Commander of Naval Base, T. I.

Rear Admiral Lloyd J. Wiltse Successor

When the U. S. Naval Hospital, Long Beach, was commissioned on 15 December, 1942, Commodore Schuyler F. Heim, USN, in command of the Naval Base, Terminal Island, delivered the dedicatory speech.

It was under the guiding hand of Commodore Heim that the hospital, one of the activities under his supervision, experienced growth and development. In June, 1944, he returned for a second ceremonial occasion, that of the opening of the Dependents' unit, another concrete evidence of the expansion of one of his charges.

Commodore S. F. Heim, USN

Rear Admiral L. J. Wiltse, USN

Known throughout the Navy as a progressive, experienced officer, Commodore Heim has had an active 38 years of Naval service since his graduation from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1907.

His first assignment to duty was aboard the battleship Nebraska, in which ship he sailed around the world with the historic Great White Fleet. During the first World War he was assigned to the cruiser Charleston as Engineering Officer.

Commodore Heim has served aboard repair ships, destroyers and "battle-wagons" during his career. His shore assignments have included duties at Navy's War College, Army Industrial College, United States Naval Academy and the Office of Naval Operations.

In 1941 he became Port Director of the 11th Naval District and on 25 June, 1942, took command of the Naval Base, Terminal Island. Under his direction the Naval Base expanded from a docking facility and recreation center to an important activity for training men and providing services and repairs for the forces afloat.

Establishments under his supervision, besides the Long Beach Naval Hospital, are the dispensaries in Long Beach and San Pedro, Roosevelt Base and Small Craft Training Center, the U. S. Naval Shipyard, the Naval Receiving Station, and the Naval Supply Depot and Fuel Annex.

Rear Admiral Lloyd J. Wiltse, USN, succeeded Commodore Heim as Commander of the Naval Base this month, 15 January. Following his graduation from the Naval Academy in 1914 he was assigned to submarine service, later filling a tour of duty in the industrial division of the Mare Island Navy Yard, San Francisco.

From 1923 to 1925 Admiral Wiltse served aboard the presidential yacht Mayflower. During the next two years he was aide to the commander, Yangtze River Patrol, China, returning to America in 1928 to become instructor in gunnery at the Harvard University R.O.T.C. school.

Admiral Wiltse's next duty was

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NAVY MEN SUPPORT "MARCH OF DIMES"

In support of the nationwide March of Dimes conducted by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, the Long Beach Naval Hospital launched its campaign on 14 January.

Men and women of the Naval services have offered their wholehearted participation in the 14-31 January, 1946, March of Dimes. These sailors and marines who have just concluded the greatest war in history still are mindful of the other battle continuing relentlessly here at home — the fight against infantile paralysis.

Top ranking Navy men heartily endorse the work of the organization and, as in previous years, offer their full cooperation for the success of the campaign. Following are some of the Navy endorsements:

James Forrestal, Secretary of the Navy: "Your fight against this terrible disease is worthy of the nation's continued support."

Fleet Admiral E. J. King, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Fleet and Chief of Naval Operations: "Through the teamwork

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Pitch & Putt Golf Course To Have Grand Opening

The hospital's nine-hole pitch and putt golf course is nearing completion and will soon be available for play by patients, nurses, medical officers, Waves and corpsmen. This course has become a reality largely through the efforts of the Southern California Professional Golfers' Association. This is one of the many courses that has been provided by the PGA in connection with their veteran's rehabilitation program.

Golf has proved itself to be invaluable in the rehabilitation of overseas veterans and has been highly indorsed by medical men of all branches of the service. It offers good exercise as well as a diversional activity that can be used later on in civilian life.

The course was laid out by Billy Bell, well-known golf architect, and the construction has been supervised by Jimmy Lawson. Jimmy (Scotty) Lawson has done a great deal toward making this one of the finest pitch and putt courses in the Southland. He has used his many years experience with the

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1946—THE YEAR OF THE RENAISSANCE

Renaissance describes the year of 1946. The world is in a period of rebirth; peace is reborn; industry is reborn; there is a rebirth of normal living, a rebirth of interest in construction rather than destruction.

With this renaissance we are given to question the strikes, the unrest, the seeming loss of direction of purpose. The impatience each individual feels is reflected nationally and internationally. It might be said that the pent-up energies of war are impatient to be released.

Out of this impatience the pattern of peace will form. Just as we recognize the pattern of recovery when we see a patient becoming impatient for release and thereby directing all his energies toward that goal, let us use this lesson and direct the pattern of our impatience into the constructive channels of a complete renaissance.

AMERICANISM

A little crowd of curious idlers had gathered around the old man off in the corner of the park. He was gaunt and unkempt and of indeterminate age; his chin was covered with a stubby growth of graying whiskers, and his yellow teeth gleamed in irregular sequence through tobacco stained lips as he talked. His bony hands, blue-veined and soiled, gestured erratically to emphasize his almost hysterical words.

"It's the Jews," he shouted. "The Jews brought on this war and it's them that we're fighting for. . . . The capitalistic, money-grabbin' Jews . . . they control the guv'mint . . . . they own the banks . . . they run the papers, and it's them our boys is dyin' for."

"The Jews," he began once more and then he hesitated as his eyes turned to the approaching figure of a big sailor shuffling slowly down the gravel walk. The sailor's face was lined, and a noticeable pallor had diffused the deep hand that once had marked the outlines of his jumper. A campaign ribbon with two battle stars was outlined in contrast against his blue-clad chest.

The speaker waited until the sailor had limped nearer, and then he spoke. "Ain't I right, mate?" he asked. "Ain't you boys fightin' this war for the Jews? Ain't they to blame for the sufferin' and the bloodshed, and the broken homes.?"

The sailor stopped and a half smile played over his face. His left hand—the one which held the cane twitched nervously, and his eyes burned with a fierce intensity as he replied: "Yes," he said slowly, "We're fighting for the Jews. You're right, Mister. I thought about that out yonder," and he nodded his head towards the Pacific. "I studied it all out, and there's no doubt about it all in my mind. We're fighting for the Jews and the Irish and the Dutch and the Negroes. We're fighting it for every American, no matter what his race, color, or creed. We're fighting it for every decent thinking person on earth, whether we like his speech or the shape of his nose or not. I reckon," he said at last, "that people who talk like you're talking don't believe in the same kind of America that I'm fightin' for. I guess they've forgotten what Abraham Lincoln said about all men being created equal. I suppose they want to create racial hatred and factional strife and to foment more wars and bloodshed. I just reckon, Mister," he said, "that you ain't my kind of American."

An angry flush had covered the leathery neck of the old man. "Jew lover!" he screamed. "You might even be one of them yourself. I'll bet that's what you are. . . . a Jew . . . a Jew!"

"No," he said, "I'm not Jewish. At least I don't think I am. My name," he continued, "is Michael O'Grady, and, Mister, I forgot to add a while ago, that as much as I hate to admit it, we're fighting this war for you, too."

He limped painfully on down the walk.—Reprinted from the North Islander USNAS, San Diego.

CHAPLAINS' COLUMN

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The Catholic Mass at 0845 and the Protestant Services at 1000, both in the auditorium of this hospital on every Sunday, will be transmitted via the radio-channel system to the bed-patients.

CATHOLIC

Masses are celebrated twice each Sunday in the Auditorium at 0645 and 0845. On week days Mass is celebrated in the Chapel in the Chaplain's Office at 0645. Chaplain Vincent J. Hope is the celebrant. Confessions are heard on Sundays before Mass and during the week at any time.

PROTESTANT

Protestant Services are held each Sunday in the Auditorium at 1000. One of the chaplains conducts the service and preaches the sermon. Special music of an inspiring nature is provided each Sunday.

JEWISH

Jewish Services are held each Friday afternoon at 1600 in the Chaplain's Office in Administration Bldg. The Chaplain will also be at the hospital on Thursday and Friday for personal counseling.

Everyone at the Hospital is cordially invited to attend the service of his choice and to find the inspiration that worship brings.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

By Chaplain H. Mauriece Felton

The New Year's greeting, if exchanged between friends thoughtfully instead of glibly, always expresses a hope and faith in the future. Each individual stands before the door of the new year, unable to see what is beyond. Nothing is definite or certain. It is a new way through which no mortal has ever passed, or on which no foot has ever walked.

The orderliness of the universe in the past leads us to believe things will continue to be orderly. We believe the daylight will follow every night, the seasons will rotate in due course, the laws of science will not be reversed, and that the various kingdoms of life will remain in their respective places of creation. Over all these things, we will have no power, and so we can believe they will continue the same in the future as in the past. These elements will make their contributions to our happiness—of that we can be certain.

But, will it be a Happy New Year? The answer to that question depends largely upon us as individuals. There are many conditions prevailing in our world which might cause cynicism, doubt, and despair. With the housing shortage, the strikes, the threat to economic stability in our land; hunger, disease, nakedness, homelessness, and destruction in so vast a portion of our world; the apparent difficulties to a mutual understanding and agreement among the victorious nations as to plans and methods—all these combine to cause intelligent concern. The door which opens 1946 will present more responsibilities and opportunities to us than any previous new year ever ushered in to any people. Do we have a FAITH IN THE FUTURE in sufficient quantity, to wish our friends a Happy New Year?

There is a Keeper of the Keys to the door of the New Year, 1946. He runs the orderly universe, which we depend upon so faithfully. He would like to receive an invitation to our world, to our United Nations Organization, to our homes and to our hearts. Let the New Year usher Him in, along with 1946! It is not wise, with history as a witness, to enter upon such a potential New Year without His guiding Spirit. It is inevitable that we enter the New Year. But it is a choice if we place our hands and minds in His hand and ask His Divine guidance for all the days. If we make this choice, we can have the FAITH IN THE FUTURE, and we can thoughtfully and sincerely wish our friends a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

Commodore Heim

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aboard the cruiser Augusta, flagship of the Atlantic Fleet, and following, he served at headquarters of the Third Naval District, New York City.

In 1937 he took charge of the Officer Personnel Division, Bureau of Personnel. When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor on 7 December, Admiral Wiltse, then in command of the cruiser Detroit, was one of the few who succeeded in getting his ship out of the harbor.

Admiral Wiltse became assistant chief of staff to Admiral Nimitz, Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific Fleet, in April, 1941. Following he was in command of Cruiser Division 10, his last permanent assignment prior to his new office.

Scores Reduced

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maintained. At this time, we can forsee nothing that will interfere with the continued speed of personnel demobilization.

"In transportation we have broken all records. The job of hauling millions of men in all services back from war theatres at a distance of many thousands of miles, has been met by 917 ships, having simultaneous berthing capacity for 1,400,000 officers and men. Of these ships the Navy contributed and manned approximately 350 fighting vessels, including battleships, cruisers, aircraft carriers, hospital ships, attack cargo vessels, and attack transports. Already more than five and one quarter million Americans have been returned to the homeland.

"Ocean shipping is no longer a bottleneck in Navy demobilization. A spot check last week indicated that in the Pacific only 12,000 eligible Navy men were waiting for transportation to the States and of this number less than 100 have been waiting as much as a week.

"With the continuing policy of announcing release scores 30 to 45 days in advance, coupled with the fact that Navy personnel continue to accumulate points, all previously announced schedules of release have been met and will continue to be met in every respect including complete demobilization by 1 September 1946."

Critical point scores for Navy personnel will be reduced through 2 April, as established by the Navy Department.

Point scores for male enlisted personnel, with the exception of specified rates, will drop to 33 on 15 February, 32 on 2 March, 31 on 15 March and 30 points effective 2 April.

Score for discharge of enlisted Waves, except specified rates, will be reduced to 21 on 2 March and will continue in effect until 2 April when it will drop to 20.

Nurses Corps discharge points will drop to 28 on 2 February, 27 on 2 March, and 26 on 2 April.

Wave officers will need 27 points for discharge on 2 March, and 26 after 2 April. Medical officers' score is changed to 49 on 2 March, 48 after 15 March, and 47 after 2 April. Line and warrant officers change to 40 on 15 February with further reductions to 39 on 2 March, 38 on 15 March, and 37 after 2 April.

Vet's Rights and Benefits

There are now two Veterans Administration Representatives assigned to the hospital: Mr. Karel Frisco, who has an office in the Civil Readjustment Bldg., and Mr. Roy Simmons in the V.A.P. Office in the Main Bldg. Mr. Frisco advises dischargees as to their rights and benefits under the laws pertaining to veterans, while Mr. Simmons advises veteran patients and their dependents.

Income Tax Refund

(SEA). — All enlisted personnel who paid income tax during the war can get a refund under the nation's new tax law. Service pay is now tax exempt.

Tax on income before entering the service may be spread out over 12 payments at three-month intervals. Servicemen must file an income tax return—whether or not it is a payment—within 5½ months of their return from overseas.

At Waves-Corpsmen anniversary dance colorful and changing events filled an enjoyable evening. Top row: Keith Bateman, HA1c, Betty Mueller, PhM3c, and Vernon Simpson, PhM3c, present Hawaiian dance routine; choir's Christmas caroling rings out through chow hall. Bottom row, anniversary cake in the shape of the hospital edifice; Captain I. L. V. Norman, Executive Officer, cuts the first piece; dancers respond to smooth music of station band.

Anniversary Dance Highlights December

The forecasts of a highly entertaining Waves-Corpsmen anniversary dance were fulfilled as hundreds of staff members and guests congregated in the auditorium on Saturday evening, 15 December. An adorned Christmas tree which permeated the hall with an evergreen scent, and suggested a Christmas gaiety was placed in the foreground alongside of the station's band. A medalion bearing the hospital corps insigne was background for a birthday cake, commemorating the hospital's third year. The cake was uniquely molded into the shape of the hospital edifice, and coated with gold colored icing.

Besides dancing to the music furnished by the band under the direction of Wally Moore, PmM2c, and the smorgasbord supper in the chow hall, a highlight was the spotlighting of "home station talent." Thelma Jokumsen, PhM3c, and Dick Prahl, PhM3c, blended voices for a duet of "My Hero" from the "Chocolate Soldier." Overshadowing all other Hawaiian dances were the catchy numbers executed by Betty Mueller, PhM3c, and her proteges, Vernon Simpson, PhM3c, and Keith Bateman, HA1c. Into every variety show some blues must fall, and Phyllis Couchman, HA2c, adequately sang, "It Had to Be You."

Appropriate for a hospital setting was the ludicrous skit entitled "Operation Scene." The surgery performed by doctors and nurses in character occurred with great gesture, as did the struggle of the patient (rather "victim"). This exaggeration of acting was important to the shadow-screen presentation. The cast included F. A. Kohorst, PhM2c; George Bertino, PhM2c; Harold Stoller, PhM3c; LaVerne Hobby, HA2c, and Mary Ann Walker, HA2c.

Ethel Elliott, HA2c, wearing a South American costume, and carrying castanets, added color to a rhumba played on the band's dance program. A military air was created as LaVonne Lockridge, a drum majorette from Long Beach Junior College, executed some professional baton twirling.

Ens. Helen K. Moore, Wave representative; Lt. Dan. O. Henry, Welfare and Recreation Officer, and Miss Irma Rohr, Red Cross worker, responsible for the successful execution of the occasion, were assisted by a cooperative group of Waves and corpsmen. The entertainment-refreshment committee included Karl Unger, HA2c; Laura McAndrews, PhM3c; George Bertino, PhM2c; Jimmie Scanlon, HA1c; Hal Atkins, HA1c; Margaret Broom, PhM3c; Sylvia Smolick, PhM3c; and Rose Haroian, PhM3c. Responsible for the effective lighting were George Brueggeman, PhM3c, and Robert Pilgrim, HA1c. And a hearty note of appreciation to the players in the band with Wally Moore, PhM2c directing; their music filled the hall to make the occasion a truly festive one.

SPARE TIME?

The Occupational Therapy Shops offer wonderful opportunities for patients to utilize this time. If you will ask your doctor for a referral chit, you may either work on something that will help you get well faster, or just make handicraft pieces for yourself or for gifts.

This is Old Man Opportunity knocking, fellows!

How about getting that referral and coming over?

Crisp $10 Bills Gifts To Overseas Veterans

Good will and Christmas cheer poured into the hospital this Yule season in the form of crisp ten dollar bills—3,000 of them! All overseas veterans, who at this time last year were sweltering in Pacific island torridity and heated combat, were recipients of the money. Such generous gifts augmented an already joyous Christmas which came from celebrating again in the states.

Californians opened their purses and hearts in response to the War Wounded Fund drive sponsored by The Examiner of Los Angeles and other Hearst newspapers.

The $30,000 allocated to this station was dispursed by Lt. Dan O. Henry, Welfare and Recreation Officer for the hospital, who acted in behalf of the Hearst newspapers.

"March of Dimes"

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of our armed services, supported by all Americans on the home front, our nation achieved victory over her enemies overseas. We must now exert the same united effort in a war against the enemy within our shores—infantile paralysis."

Fleet Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, Commander-in-Chief, United States Pacific Fleet: "The money which Americans have contributed to the March of Dimes has aided children and other relatives of Navy personnel in the Pacific. The gifts of our citizens have thus lightened the burden of men who were already heavily burdened by the concerns of war. I urge all my fellow countrymen everywhere to contribute to the March of Dimes."

Attentive awe-inspired children hear word from Santa at the Children's Party, a week before Christmas. Puppeteer Russ Clock captures interest with skeleton dancer.

Children's Christmas Party a Colorful Event of Yule Season

The Christmas spirit was evident in the lighted faces and laughing voices of the 150 children who attended a Christmas party given in the station auditorium on Saturday afternoon, 22 December.

Children of patients and staff members were invited to attend the festival arranged by the American Red Cross and Welfare and Recreation Department. The boys and girls ranging in ages from six months to twelve years, were greeted upon arrival by a jovial, pudgy Santa, the role adequately portrayed by Ens. C. W. O'Brien, Civil Readjustment Officer. Christmas carols filled the air as Thomas Queen, HA2c, staff corpsman, played rich notes on the organ.

Those assembled were entertained by gaily costumed and expertly manipulated puppets. Russ Clock, the choreographer, adapted the puppet dances to a child audience. An entertaining and convincing magician, Revel, brought out wonderment in the expressions of the intent juniors.

A Walt Disney technicolor cartoon featured next was heartily applauded.

A climax to the afternoon came as hundreds of coveted toys were presented. Stick toys in the forms of hobby horses, ducks, dachshunds and rabbits were constructed by the patients and technicians in the Occupational Therapy Department. Welfare supplemented this array of presents with bows and arrows, building blocks, ping-pong equipment, and softballs. The Junior Red Cross of Long Beach contributed a choice collection of dolls.

Party cakes and punch, served by the Grey Ladies, concluded the Christmas festivity, planned to the delight of every child in attendance.

Veterans Placements Show Increase

(SEA)—The U. S. Employment Service reported a record total of 9,000,000 visits for jobs, unemployment compensation and employment information during October. Placements of veterans increased, reaching 119,100 in nonagricultural jobs.

Milk for Your Saucer

Reminiscent of Christmas in the Barracks

Really starry-eyed over our rainy Christmas, 1945, were many making the sad preparations to leave us. Newly spoused HELEN MARCUS and Other Half are traveling east together . . . . DIANE FLOOD'S husband arrived from Alaska just in time to do same. . . . Other almost-civilians included FLORENCE COBLE, JENNIE MEDINA, FERN WILLIAMS, MARIE MALTOS, BERNICE MOORE, EDITH BALNER, FLORA HOLLINS, JEAN PARKIS, BERNICE DREYFUS, ROSEMARY BROYL, ERDEEN VISNAW.

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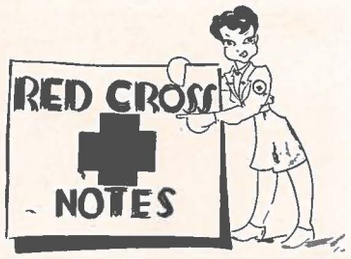
For those of us still "working for the Navy," Christmas spirit crept stealthily into Wave Quarters I and II.

The evenings "at home" gave time to sow holiday thought. Cubicle-sized trees began sprouting on the tables of many a compartment. Other squares boasted beautiful and original touches of festive spirit . . . . glitter stuff and holly . . . . tall, slim, red candles eager for the flame . . . . even a bit of misplaced mistletoe. Each original arrangemennt transformed with individuality the normally calm look of rows of uniform cubicles.

The blowing of New Year whistles and horns was a signal to strip the trinkets from the dorms and settle down more seriously to hospital work once more. But the promise for the future was bright—a Merry Christmas 1946 and a Happy New Year 1947 enjoyed at home!



What's new in the Red Cross? Everything! New Year, new resolutions, new Grey Ladies, new professional staff.

For the New Year we wish you a speedy recovery and the fulfillment of all your peacetime hopes and aims. Our New Year's resolution is to make your stay in the hospital an easier and more comfortable one. Here's hoping we can!

We're off to a good start with a new Gray Lady Corps. Last November 60 volunteers from the Long Beach community enrolled in a course of training offered by the medical officers, nurses and professional Red Cross staff. The course was to orient them into the military medical setting, and to instruct them in giving the services you request. Now, together with the original group of Gray Ladies, these women form a corps which is equipped to answer your personal needs while you are hospitalized. Making telephone calls, distributing comfort articles, writing letters, sending telegrams, shopping, are some of the more tangible services they offer. We are sure you will find them sincerely interested in your welfare and eager to do anything they can for you.

Rate Advancements

The following advancements of rate became effective on 1 January 1946:

CPhM (T): Levich, C. (n).

PhM2c (T): Bahr, W. E.; Forbes, C.; Katz, M. C.; Mumby, L. G.; Watson, P. E.; Wurmle, H.; Zuberbier, L. A.

PhM3c (T): Ashcroft, H. C.; Banks, N. J.; Campbell, L. L.; Cather, J. E.; Cavaney, V.; Cheesman, W.; Cohen, E.; Connell, J. B.; Cox, J. A.; Crockett, C.; Davies, R.; Enea, H. W.; Fargo, R. A.; Felmlee, C.; Fitzgerald, C.; Fleming, G. W.; Fraine, A. G.; Franklin, P. H.; Gardner, B. S.; Gregory, J. E. H.; Harper, B. F.; Hendry, B.; Heiler, J. L.; Hines, W. P.; Holback, E. N.; Jones, L.; Jones, W. M.; Kovats, R.; Linn, C.; Levine, R. P.; Long, J. C.; McCafferty, D. E.; Miller, B. O.; Neugebaur, R. F.; Nathan, S.; O'Quita, R.; Owens, A. L.; Peterson, D. A.; Petty, C. E.; Ritchey, J. S.; Sarnoff, N.; Sheldon, D. M.; Scharzmueller, B. M.; Shell, R.; Shkane, A.; Sheehan, R. F.; Spangle, B.; Shuss, F. F.; Sierakowski, S. S.; Stoddard, G. E.; Thomas, M. F.; Thompson, F. V.; Zalusky, E. J.

HA1c: Adkins, H. W.; Atchison, J.; August, E.; Beidle, L. A.; Berry, M. V.; Black, M. R.; Borden, S.; Bueltel, E. J.; Calkins, E. H.; Campbell, A.; Christensen, G. H.; Condie, J. D.; Cordova, A. C.; Davis, K. R.; Dice, M.; DiPietro, L.; Eustathopulo, R. H.; Frishberg, D. I.; Guentner, A. T.; Hann, J. C.; Haskin, S. C.; Haavind, M. C. O.; Hensley, B. D.; Hune, J. R.; Hunt, R. N.; Joy, R. W.; Kaffel, F. M.; Knopf, G. I.; Kulak, H. R.; McCall, R. E.; Lawson, A. P.; McKenzie, J. R.; Mullen, E. P.; Naples, A. A.; Palank, A. M.; Pfleger, M. A.; Radzisewski, L. A.; Robertson, B. D.; Saggomando, S. J.; Scannell, J. D.; Scoberg, D. R.; Shaw, G. B.; Shiner, B. B.; Stamm, E. O.; Steem, K. G.; Stites, J.; Vangalis, K.; Vogt, J. S.; Warning, J. A.; Wheeler, R. M.; Whitman, P.; Wiseman, R. A.; Woodman, W. J.

Comings and Goings

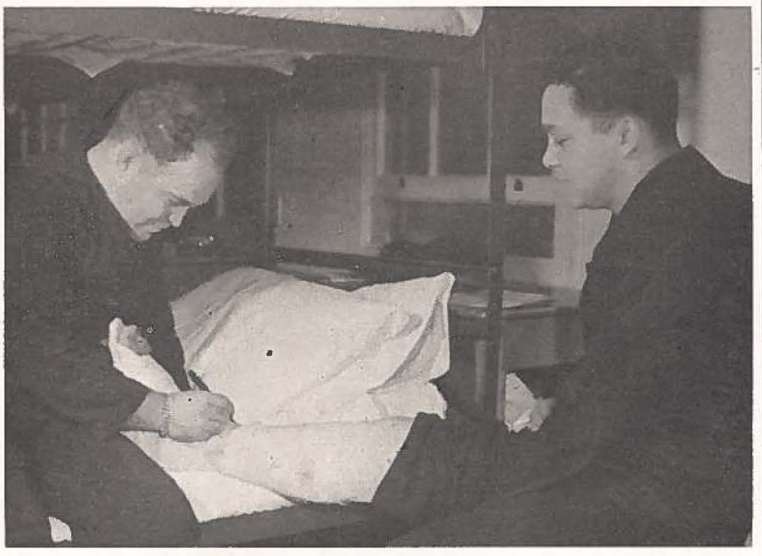
The majority of "old-timers" in the Long Beach Naval Hospital officer staff personnel bid au revoir and departed for the Separation Center, Lilac Terrace, this past month. We regret the departure of such eminent men as: Captains Clark D. Ryan, MC, USNR; Edwin G. Graves, MC, USNR; R. G. Gates, MC, USNR; Commanders M. M. Tolman, MC, USNR; R. W. Langley, MC, USNR; R. Schorr, MC, USNR; Henry L. Dixon, MC, USNR; Joseph B. Williams, MC, USNR; Lieutenant-Commanders C. W. Walter, MC, USNR; J. S. Binkley, MC. USNR; F. C. Schlumberger, MC, USNR; M. B. Pedigo, MC, USNR; S. P. Benbrook, MC, USNR; R. W. Jacobs, MC, USNR; W. H. L. Collis, MC, USNR; Lieutenants W. N. Francis, D (L), USNR; C. W. Magill (S), USNR; M. F. Horgan, SC (W) USNR; F. H. Johnson, MC, USNR; H. R. Morgan, DC, USNR; Lieutenant (jg) W. S. Bratcher, HC, USN; Pharmacists R. W. Jones, HC, USNR, and C. S. Sherman, USN.

Transferred to duty elsewhere are: Lt. C. R. Oliphant, MC, USN, to Bethesda, Md.; Lt. H. F. Everroad, HC, USN, to Naval Center, Farragut, Idaho; Lt. (jg) I. L. White, MC, USN, to Nav. Training & Dist. Center, San Francisco; Lt. (jg) F. Schaffner, MC, USNR, to U.S.S. Tolland; Lt. (jg) J. H. McEvers, MC, USNR, to USS Topeka; Lt. (jg) J. M. Dummer, MC, USNR, to USS General S. D. Sturgis; Ch. Pay Clerk Wm. Schneider, USN, to USS Catskill; Pharm. W. R. Lipscomb, USN, to USS Nehenta Bay.

Officers who have reported for duty within the past month are: Comdr. P. P. Machung, MC, USN, from 13th Nav. Dist.; Comdr. G. W. Jones, MC, USNR, San Diego; Lt. J. J. Fluhrer, MC, USN, from USS Kane; Lt. S. C. Pearson, MC, USN, from USS San Pablo; Lt. M. E. Burhans, MC, USNR, from Sep. Center, T.I.; Lt. W. E. Bloom, S (E) T, USNR, from BuPers; Lt. R. Hicks (MC), USN, from Com-11; Lt. Philip A. Zoller, MC, USNR, from USS Clytie; Lt. A. C. Wyman, MC, USN, from Mar. Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, N. C.; Lt. (jg) E. J. Ellis, MC, USNR, from Combat Aircraft Service; Lt. (jg) S. P. Emanuel, CHC, USNR, from USNH, Banning, Calif.; Lt. (jg) W. A. Stephenson, MC, USNR, from USS Solace; Lt. (jg) W. S. Bratcher, HC, USN, from Com-11; Lt. (jg) C. Elwood, CHC, USNR, from NOB; Lt. (jg) W. B. Anderson, HC, USN, from USNH, Banning, Calif.; Lt. (jg) C. M. Donaldson, MC, USN, from USS General LeRoy Eltinge; Ch. Pay Clerk V. H. Huffman, USN, from Supply Depot, San Diego; Ch. Pharm. J. T. A. Cote, USN, from Com-11; Pharm. R. M. Prestwood, Jr., from USS Anne Abundel; Pharm. G. G. Skeith, USN, from USS Salerno Bay.

WARD WHACKY!
KARL HUBENTHAL
DID YOU RING THE BUZZER, SERGEANT?
YEAH, TAKE THIS··· ULP!.. —ER, UH··· I MEAN··· NO— UH··· HEH, HEH,··· WHERE'S TH' CORPSMAN?!
NUTHIN' SERIOUS, NURSE··· JUST A LITTLE GAS TROUBLE!!
YOU CAN TELL A "GUNNY" EVERY TIME!!
Y'READY TO GO BACK TO DUTY, SON?
ASIATIC?
NUH, UH— POINT HAPPY!!
PSYCHO WARD
MP
SURVEY OFFICE
DISCHARGES GIVEN HERE
NOW AND THEN, UNDER DURESS, AND IF YOU'RE LUCKY!!
SO LONG, SAILOR!!
HONORABLE DISCHARGE

Drawn by nationally known sports cartoonist, Pfc. Karl Hubenthal, USMCR. Reprinted from LEATHERNECK, January issue.



Ralph Martinez, Mus2c, adds one more signature—that of Larry Hayes, QM1/c—to his much-autographed leg cast.

LEG CAST BEARS MANY FAMOUS AUTOGRAPHS

When sports notables and fans from all over the country gathered for the Times Annual National Sports Event at the Biltmore Bowl on 27 December, a group of patients from the hospital were in attendance, as guests of the Ice Capades organization.

Through Welfare and Recreation arrangements the patients were privileged to see a parade of the nation's greatest athletes—past and present—and famous celebrities from the cinema. One Navy man, Ralph Martinez, Mus3c, patient on Ward N-13, collected more autographs than Earl Carroll's theatre-restaurant exhibits. Martinez can probably attribute his coveted collection to the fact that he had writing material at hand. For the past three months, the veteran of the U.S.S. Lexington has had his right leg in a cast, which he has ingeniously used as a safekeeping for many an autograph. And the Annual Sports Fete promised to be an autograph enthusiast's paradise.

Jack Dempsey, a former commander in the Coast Guard, willingly signed on the Plaster of Paris and asked Martinez to give his "regards to the boys in the hospital."

Hedda Hopper ("The Hat") penned her name on the cast over the knee-cap—probably fulfilling the most unique autograph request in her brilliant career.

Jon Hall and his wife, Frances Langford, consented to acknowledge a similar request.

Then there's that stellar figure in the coaching light, Frank Thomas, who exchanged his autograph for good luck in the Rose Bowl tournament extended by Martinez. When our patient wished Alabama the best, the coach assured him that they'd "play it to the hilt."

James J. Jeffries, former heavyweight champion of the world, autographed the already chirographed leg cast, and then handed the pen to George Murphy, picture celebrity, who wished the fellows in the hospital a speedy recovery. William Bendix inquired as to the date the Naval Hospital patient would be freed from the plaster mould.

Southern Cal's halfback, Ted Tannehill, proved to be a versatile personality as he rendered two piano selection. This "Paderewski of the Pigskin" gladly added his name to the glowing collection. (Aside: When the Alabama's coach chatted with Martinez earlier he remarked that he hoped that Tannehill remembered his piano lesson between 2 and 4 o'clock on New Year's Day.)

Amos Alonzo Stagg, the "grand old man of football" who coached All-Americans for the past 52 years, came down from the College of the Pacific for the event and pleased Martinez with his famous signature.

Martinez, like all of the patients who were privileged to attend the dinner and meet a galaxy of stars, returned to the hospital with a valuable collection of prize autographs.

Pitch and Putt

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game to great advantage. His golf career started in Carnoustie, Scotland, the home of many of the finest professionals in the game, and spent 26 years as professional at the Indianapolis and Flint Country Clubs.

It is hoped that some of the top-notch professionals of the country will be available for the dedicatory ceremonies as the Los Angeles Open has brought the finest array of golf talent in the world to this part of the country. Such names as Byron Nelson, Ben Hogan, Sam Snead, Harold McSpaden, along with such local stars as George Fazio, Dale Andreason, Harry Bassler, will possibly be on hand to give an exhibition of the finest golf to be seen.

Perhaps there is no other man that has been so instrumental in developing the course as George Lake, President of the Southern California PGA. Through a series of tournaments the funds were raised which made the construction of the course possible. His cooperation and efforts cannot be too highly praised.

All prospective divot-diggers who are interested in the game should watch the bulletin board in their wards for the date of this opening.

What, No Bone-Us?

(SEA)—Dogs in Newark, N. J., with honorable discharge papers from the K-9 Corps will get free license tags, according to Public Safety Director Keenan. Duchess, a four-year-old German Shepherd, who did two years sentry duty overseas, was the first K-9 "vet" to benefit.

Chief Nurse Serves in Prewar and Wartime Navy

By Phil Whitman, HA1c

Heading one of the most vital departments here at the Long Beach Naval Hospital is Chief Nurse, Lt. Comdr. Mildred A. E. Marean, USN, who supervises the Nurse Corps.

Comdr. Marean, a veteran of 19 years of naval service, has been at this activity since August, 1945.

A native of Cumberland, Maryland, the Commander received her nurses training at Garfield Hospital in Washington, D. C., graduating in 1926. In April, 1927, she was appointed nurse in the Navy Nurse Corps.

Among Commander Marean's many pre-war duty stations were League Island, Pensacola, Portsmouth, and U. S. Navy National Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., the U.S.S. Relief (1930-32), instructor at the Naval hospital corps school (1937-39) and duty at the Naval dispensary at Honolulu (1939-41).

Lt. Comdr. Mildred Marean, Chief Nurse

From March, 1943, to July, 1945, Commander Marean was assigned as Chief Nurse aboard the U.S.S. Refuge. During this tour of duty casualties from fighting fronts in Italy, the British Islands and France were taken aboard the hospital ship. When the Refuge was no longer needed in European waters, it moved into the Pacific where it was in time to receive the wounded from the Leyte Gulf action. In the period in which Commander Marean supervised the nursing unit aboard the Refuge 7,200 casualties were treated.

On 16 January, 1946, Captain C. M. Shaar, Medical Officer in Command, delivered a Letter of Commendation of the 7th Fleet in which Lt. Comdr. Mildred A. E. Marean was commended for distinguishing herself by excellent service aboard the U.S.S. Refuge.

Commander Marean has admirably contributed to and maintained the fine reputation the Navy nurse has earned in the pre-war and wartime Navy.

NURSES LOG

The following nurses were detached during this last month: Lt. Thelma Metcalf, assigned as Chief Nurse at USNH, Portsmouth, N. H.; Lt. C. E. Todd to U. S. Naval Dispensary, 12th Naval District, San Francisco; Lt. (jg) Isabelle B. Wallace to Naval Dispensary, Long Beach; Ens. H. Lieninger to USNH, Bremerton, Wash.; Ens. Anna McGillicuddy to U. S. Naval Dispensary, 12th Naval District, San Francisco.

These nurses were sent to the separation center and are now civilians: Lieutenants Irene Crawford, Eleanor Montanden, Helen George, Barbara Montgomery, Dorothy Winn, Alice Van Cleave, Ada Van Cleave, Mildred Holland, Ada Kalnoski, Brendon Lyons, Natalie Hall, and Helen Verduin.

We welcome aboard: Lt. Mary Lynch, Lt. Hilda Smith, Lt. Rita O'Neill, Lt. Hazel Parnell, Lt. Alva Jefferson, Lt. Bernice Wiek, Lt. Margaret O'Neill, Lt. (jg) Genevieve Gorski, Lt. (jg) Madge Overstreet, Lt. (jg) Mildred Stanton, Lt. (jg) Mirian Trell, Lt. (jg) Melba Anderson, Lt. (jg) Helen Bowman, Lt. (jg) Ruby Bredemier, Lt. (jg) Irma Bradley, Lt. (jg) Joyce Imhof, Lt. (jg) Helen Lewis, Lt. (jg) Donna Meads, Lt. (jg) Gladys McCrary, Lt. (jg) Aldo Pearson, Lt. (jg) Bernice Rybery, Lt. (jg) Mary Rolinitis, Lt. (jg) Mary Scrubbs, Lt. (jg) Gladys Walker, and Ens. Gladys Eagle.

Capt. I. L. V. Norman presents colorful afghan, handiwork of the Navy Mothers' Club of Willmare, Minnesota, to ChSK A. L. Johnson. The Executive Officer and Johnson, a returned prisoner-of-war, are both natives of Willmare. Other repatriates assembled on Ward N-7 receive similar gifts while nurse, Lt. (jg) Francis Nelson, USN, shares in Christmas occasion.

Top row, left to right: Hematology—technician counts blood cells with the aid of microscope; Bacteriology—examining a culture plate for the presence of diphtheria bacteria; Pathology—technician cutting section of surgical tissue for microscopic examination and diagnosis.

Clinical Lab Important Cog in Establishing Diagnosis and Type of Therapy for Patient

"The Ship's Service Store is on the second deck, Mate," was the answer the 'returnee' received when he inquired as to the location of that popular department. On reaching the second deck he saw the usual line of patients waiting, and he joined it. Imagine his surprise and chagrin when—after reaching the door—he was greeted by a corpsman wielding a needle and syringe.

"But all I want is a 'coke,'" cried the returnee. "You're on the wrong line, Mate! This is the lab!"

The laboratory is one of the most important services in the hospital because it is so intimately concerned with the establishment of the diagnosis of every patient that is admitted to the hospital. The primary purpose of the laboratory is chemical, microscopic, bacteriological, histopathological and special analysis of such specimen as are submitted by the various departments of the hospital and other outside Naval activities.

Six sub-departments compose the laboratory: Hematology, Serology, Chemistry, Urinalysis, Bacteriology, and Pathology. Each specializes in a certain phase of clinical analysis.

On entering the Hematology department one is greeted by the sound of what seems to be the clatter of telegraph keys clicking out some outlandish code. But the 'message' sent out on the "Marbel counter" is the number and type of blood cells in a patient's blood smear. This department is especially concerned in the diagnosis and differentiating of blood discrasias, such as anemias, leukemias, and also in the differentiation between such conditions as the ordinary "tummy ache" and attack of appendicitis.

"Blood suckers! Vampires!" "The last time they jabbed me in six different places!" "Be sure it is a sharp needle!" These are only a few of the remarks the crew in the Serology department hears each day. Every patient who enters the hospital is subjected to a Kahn—the routine test for syphilis. Many have sedimentation rates, spinal punctures or agglutination tests taken. The staff knows this department well because it handles the 'donor's list' for transfusions. Truly it can be said that at one time or another the Serology crew has punctured the vein of every service person in the hospital.

Blood tests involving qualitative and quantitative chemical analysis constitute the work of the Chemistry department in confirming diagnosis and prognosis of disease. As a 'side-line' the Chemistry department also gives allergy tests and posts those unheeded lists headed by the caption "Shots due!" since it is the department that attends the inoculation and immunization of staff personnel.

Running R & M's on an average of 150 to 200 specimen a day, Urinalysis is kept busy performing eight routine tests plus the microscopic on each. Also in this department are performed the numerous kidney function tests and the gastric analysis examinations.

A 'not present' on a report from the Bacteriology department is good news! Tests cover all type of bacteria: pneumococcus, gonococcus, meningococcus, streptococcus, treponema pallida, and scores of others. The bacteriologist works constantly with concentrated doses of deadly organisms; one ship of his technique may result in his contracting the disease. His findings may determine the diagnosis and type of therapy received by the patient. Quarantines are placed and raised largely through the report of the Bacteriology department.

In a small room at the rear of the laboratory is located the indispensable department of Pathology. Through the doors of this department pass tissues of all descriptions obtained from surgical cases and autopsies. These tissues are specially treated and sectioned thinner than an onion skin, placed on slides, stained and mounted for diagnosis by the pathologist. This

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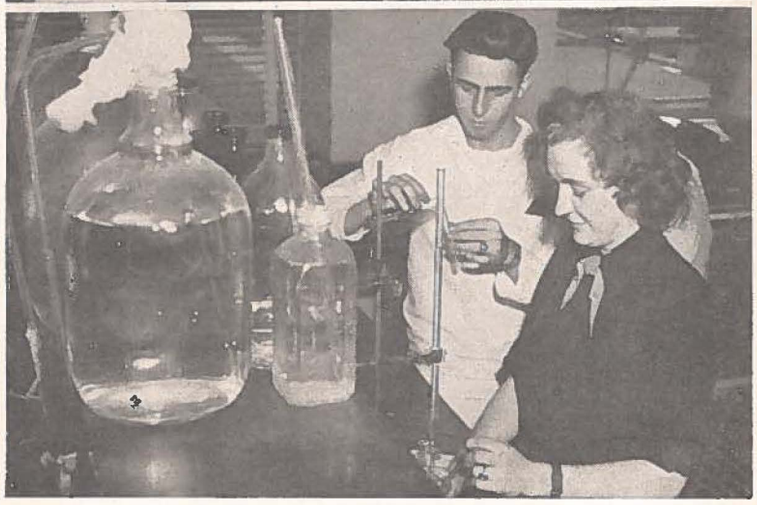
Lt. L. Rauer, MC, USNR, Pathologist in Charge of Laboratory



Reading top to bottom: Chemistry—drawing blood for chemical analysis; Serology—Wave officer explains results of a serological test; Urinalysis—laboratory technicians analyzing gastric contents for the presence of free acid.

Librarians, Mrs. Nancy Haynes and Miss Virginia Parker, right, who engineered the decorating which added cheer to the library during the Yule season.

ARTISTICALLY ARRANGED LIBRARY DECORATIONS GROW OUT OF TRIALS AND TURMOIL EACH YEAR

By Nancy Haynes, Librarian

The Christmas decorations of the library have become a tradition of the hospital, and strange as it may seem, the tradition was established through a casual suggestion and a theft, and continued each year through new sets of difficulties which at the time seemed tragic, but now are humorous to recall.

In November 1943 on the suggestion of a friend the library staff decided to decorate with magnolia leaf sprays painted silver. When all was ready to decorate I was suddenly taken ill with flu, but I had the secure feeling that our friend would certainly see us through the dress rehearsal. When I returned to the library I nearly collapsed for the room was bare of any shred of decoration—our friend had stolen all of the leaves, paint, and even the tree to decorate another place. Although everything had to be secured again, the library was decorated for Christmas eve.

The following fall, our library friend, now away from Long Beach, began a series of letters expressing his desire to take complete charge of the Christmas decorations for the 1944 holiday. It seemed strange for a such a delicate subject even to be mentioned, but thinking that he wanted to right the previous year's default, all was forgiven.

His plan of decoration was to be a complete surprise even to the library staff, our sole duty being to secure necessary materials. Long lists from our friend arrived requesting such items as 500 large pine cones, 65 yards of five-inch red ribbon, a dozen boxes of tree ornaments. Somehow these were accumulated.

Through getting our pine cones from the high Sierra mountains, we made a good friend, Mr. James Goodwin of the American Legion in Bishop. He sent not only cones, but also boxes of long leaf pine and desert holly.

December 13th found us ready with our contribution of magnolia boughs, yards of ribbon, cones and ornaments. The "surprise" came that afternoon! Our friend announced with deepest regret that it was impossible for him to decorate the library. With no planned design the library staff began work. We completed our handiwork in two days.

This year we had no word from our friend and all seemed well. Arrangements were made in October with Mr. Goodwin for pine, and with the Park Commission for magnolia branches. What was there to worry about?

On the 15th of December the pines arrived to begin the decoration activities. The truck driver announced that he would unload the 120 pounds of pine boughs as soon as parking space was available. Thirty minutes went by and no pines—two hours, and then three, and still no pine. A thorough search revealed that the pines were no where on the compound. Since the truck driver left no word as to his destination or the name of his company, our telephone search began. After calling every truck company in Long Beach we located the pine at a Los Angeles truck company. The boughs were delivered the next day and made up the basis for this season's decorations.

Now we can reflect only laughter from our decoration trials. We hope you felt the Christmas spirit which we tried to create for you in the library.

THINKING OF STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS?

New titles are being continually added to the two hundred textbooks and pamphlets available free of charge at the Educational Services Offices at the west end of the "N" Wards.

The latest series of books covers the establishment and operation of certain businesses. The series now covers the drug store, grocery store, beauty shop, and service station, with many others due to arrive soon.

Other recent arrivals include books on "Soils", "Crops", "American Government", and "Study Guide to America in Literature".

Some books are given away without charge, some on a loan basis, and some in connection with USAFI correspondence courses.

From the Waldorf-Astoria Kitchens to Our Galley

"Epicurean food and lavish furnishings" were the basis on which New York City's Waldorf-Astoria gained its glamorous reputation.

Our affable night cook in the hospital's main galley, Walter Herrmann, SC2c, has attested to the culinary excellence of the Waldorf. Herrman served one year of apprenticeship in the kitchens of the sumptuous Park Avenue hotel just prior to enlisting in the Navy. At the conclusion of an additional year of theory and practice at some future date, Herrmann will be awarded the coveted Waldorf-Astoria diploma in cookery.

This chosen vocation was decided upon while Herrmann was a refugee in England. Born in Bavaria, the family migrated to Leipzig, Germany, where they lived comfortably until the Hitler regime. Because of their religious creed Herrmann and his sister were excluded from the public schools and admitted into a Jewish academic system. Their father devised a way to evacuate the family—Herrmann lived outside of London at which time he was first exposed to the English language. On 6 May 1940, the refugee family sailed on a small Dutch passenger liner for the bomb-free democratic land of America. The exodus from Southampton had been delayed due to the Dunkirk saga. Once started, the Dutch vessel chose an uncharted route thereby evading the enemy. Sailing as a friendly ship, it carried no armament even for self-protection.

Upon arrival Herrmann proceeded in his chosen profession by enrolling in the Food Trades Vocational High School on Thirteenth Street in New York City. Upon graduation an apprenticeship to the Waldorf kitchens was extended him. Previously foreign chefs were employed by the world's tallest hotel, but with the restrictions of war, the hotel originated the school for potential chefs.

Herrmann served in such departments as the Saucisse, Hors d'oeuvres, Poissone, and Salade (the famous salad invented at the old Waldorf consisted of apple, nuts, celery and cream dressing).

His references were enlightening regarding the wine-taster, a connoisseur who tests the hotel's 1000 brands of wine and spirits. An indication of the individual service

Walter Herrmann, SC2c

extended to the guests is the boiling of eggs where even a quarter of a minute is considered. Big cheeses are cut into usable sizes with a carpenter's saw. Soup is made in 60-gallon caldrons. Ice cream is molded into fancy and motif shapes.

On 29 May 1944, Herrmann enlisted in the Navy and three months later became a naturalized citizen of this country. Following boot camp he specialized at the Cooks and Bakers School at Pensacola, Florida. In the months of service in the main galley of Long Beach Naval Hospital, Herrmann particularly has enjoyed preparing for the Waves' Third Anniversary party, and the dinners served to Jose Iturbi when the world-renowned pianist-conductor was a guest following concerts for hospital personnel. With the same interest and cheerfulness Herrmann adds savor to the chow he serves at 2000 to corpsmen, nurses, and doctors on night duty.

World War II Was An Expensive Game

(SEA)—World War II cost the world more than $1,384,000,000,000 in armament, war materials and property damage, according to a survey conducted at the American University in Washington.

Expenditures for war material alone cost the U. S. $317,600,000,000; Russia, $192,000,000,000; the United Kingdom, $120,000,000,000; Germany, $272,900,000,000; Italy, $94,000,000,000, and Japan, $56,000,000,000.

ANNIVERSARY PARTY

Captain C. M. Shaar, MOIC, makes the first cut in the birthday cake at the officers' buffet supper held in celebration of the third anniversary of the commissioning of the hospital.

Sport Light

BASKETBALL SQUADS MAKE GOOD SHOWING

As the second round of the 1945-46 basketball season draws to a close, a resume' of the happenings thus far is in order.

Although shaken in the past month by the loss of five key men, the team has been quick to overcome the handicap and has even bettered its league standing.

The Blue team has just managed to hold its own over the last month, but the Red team has come out of a slump and is unbeaten in the second round of the recreation league, losing only two games out of eight for December.

The Gold team, while being the junior team of the hospital three, leaves nothing to be desired in the way of drive and sight. It is at a decided disadvantage because of constantly losing men to fill vacancies in the other two teams, but even so it still has a league average of 500.

The hospital teams play a very strenuous schedule, being enrolled in three different leagues and playing an average of six or seven games a week. By far the choice league from the standpoint of floor, officials, teams, and cooperation is the NOB League which plays most of its games at the Naval Air Station, T.I.S.P. gym. The players especially like the offiicating in the NOB league because it is fair and strict and makes for a better, cleaner game.

The Welfare & Recreation department announces that there are openings for any staff members who are interested in playing basketball. The teams are all short-handed and invite you to join in.

Following are the results of the contests through 3 January:

USNH, 33; NAS T. I., 26.
USNH, 29; Proctor Sporting Goods, 32.
USNH, 34; Union 76, 51.
USNH, 36; Marine Barracks, 24.
USNH, 61; SCTC, 56.
HR, 39; Diamond Cab, 25.
HR, 29; HG, 27.
HR, 55; CG, 57.
HR, 51; Navy Dry Docks, 16.
HR, 35; Dzan Club, 24.
HG, 17; Frontier Base, 14.
HG, 32; CG, 30.

WAVES' BASKETBALL GETS UNDERWAY

Scatteringly occupying the seats of a Navy bus Friday, 4 January, was a group of athletic-minded Waves. Upon arrival at Los Alamitos Air Base the sports-clad gals disembarked from the bus, and found their way into the gymnasium where they held their first basketball practice!

After a few more practice games the Waves will enter a tournament, schedule as follows.

16 Jan.—NH Waves vs. Atlantic Methodist.
23 Jan.—NH Waves vs. California Heights Methodists.
30 Jan.—NH Waves vs. Spars.
6 Feb.—NH Waves vs. Lemmon's.

The team has got the stuff to play the games—let's back them up! Even a small cheering section at the Y.W.C.A., where the games are played, will bolster their determination to win!

Golf Used to Reclaim Wounded Veterans

(SEA)—Golf, the American and not the African version, provides many therapeutic values, judging from reports by the Veterans Administration. Nineteen golf courses are now in operation and six more are being installed for the benefit of veterans, especially the mentally ill. One of the newly constructed courses is here at the U. S. Naval Hospital, Long Beach.

Through the cooperation of the Professional Golfers' Association and various service organizations, thousands are benefiting from the outdoor stimulation, the required concentration and coordination, and the comradeship inspired by this form of recreation.

Clinical Lab

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hospital is the Naval Tumor Center for the entire Pacific area west of the Mississippi, therefore the pathology department plays a vital part in the fight against cancer.

In addition to the aforementioned duties, the laboratory maintains and equips the morgue. All necropsies are performed by the pathologist in charge of the laboratory, with the assistance of lab corpsmen and technicians.

A little known but very important appendage to the laboratory is the animal house where guinea pigs, rabbits and other animals are maintained and bred for use in laboratory examinations. This service is very ably attended to by S. N. Adams, PhM3c; R. P. Levine, PhM3c; and W. Riley, HA2c.

In charge of the laboratory is Lt. L. Rauer, MC, USNR, pathologist. Assisting are Lt. (jg) Rose LoPinto, Lt. (jg) Betty Neu, Lt. (jg) Shirley Busch, Lt. (jg) Eva Cunningham, who supervise and check the work done in the various sub-departments in addition to instructing the laboratory students.

After satisfactorily completing a six-month course the students are given a technician's rating by the Navy. At present the students under instruction are: W. Spurlock, PhM2c; R. Howard, PhM3c; U. V. Waggonspack, PhM2c; R. J. Bateman, HA2c; H. J. Romanowsky, HA1c; D. Gordon, HA1c. The laboratory's three full-fledged technicians are T. D. Bougie, PhM3c; R. F. Neugebauer, PhM3c and F. A. Roth, HA1c.

To alleviate the shortage of technical personnel the following corpsmen were detailed to the lab: L. Campbell, PhM3c; J. R. Hendrickson, HA1c; H. Stroud, HA1c; A. Franklin, PhM1c; F. M. Williams, HA1c; M. E. Weber, HA2c; R. M. Wheeler, HA1c; G. J. Roth, HA2c; R. Poliquin, HA1c; E. Horwitz, HA2c and L. H. Thompson, HA1c.

"DUTCH" FRITCHER IS POPULAR FIRE CHIEF

The station's fire chief, "Dutch" Fritcher, has lived near water all of his life—if not cruising in the Navy, then skippering his own boat out of Newport Beach, or perhaps just fighting a fire with 500 gallons of water pouring out of a pump on a fire truck.

E. L. Fritcher's birthplace is a waterfront town on Lake Erie. His father, a fisherman, shared the seafaring life with his son as they sailed their fishing boat, the Duchess, into the Great Lakes.

At the outbreak of the first world war Mr. Fritcher enlisted in the Navy at Syracuse and was assigned to a transport carrying ammunition from New York harbor to European ports. Submarine duty aboard the Beaver and Camden followed and afforded an excellent athletic program to balance the duty program. "Dutch" played center position on the Camden football team, and pulled oar number six on a whale boat crew which won second place in an inter-fleet meet in Panama in 1923.

He filled several billets during his Navy career: quartermaster, ship's cook, fireman, coxswain, b's'n mate, and storekeeper, which rate he held when mustered out.

Beginning in 1923, Mr. Fritcher served in the Long Beach Municipal Fire Department until injured in the line of duty and retired on a pension.

"Dutch" Fritcher, Fire Chief

During the construction of the present administration building Mr. Fritcher served as fire chief checking lead pots, wiring, and the 80 pieces of hand equipment important in the construction work. At that time he organized a guard force and taught them procedure for operating the Chrysler pump unit composed of 500 feet of hose.

At the present time Mr. Fritcher is in charge of 14 civilian firemen and an auxiliary crew of eight corpsmen. Equipment has improved until it consists of two 500-gallon pumping units—each carrying 1000 feet of hose. Prevention policy has minimized fire loss on the station—the record indicating the proficient department Mr. Fritcher supervises. A collateral duty for the Fire Chief is that of supervision of the civilian guard force of 25 men.

When the Chief isn't on duty, he can frequently be found cruising aboard his 28-foot pleasure boat, Duchess II. When not in Catalina or surrounding waters the Duchess is in anchor at Newport Beach. Mr. Fritcher finds good sport in fishing for tuna, albacore (last year, 'tis said, he caught a 36-pounder on a 9-thread line in the water near Dana Point), barracuda, bass, and almost marlin (it got away). Last summer "Skipper" Fritcher maneuvered the cruiser through a school of black killer whales. And, typical of Mr. Fritcher, he came through with flying colors!

Post office crew "snowed" with influx of Christmas mail.

Cheers for Unsung Heroes Of the Christmas Season

By Phil Whitman, HA1c

If votes were to be cast for the unsung heroes of the Christmas season, the Post Office clerks of the Long Beach Naval Hospital would receive the heartiest cheers and winning ballots!

The crew, under the direction of Wm. (Shorty) Miles, MM2c, a native of Shreveport, Louisiana, handled a record number of letters, packages and money orders.

The post office staff received, sorted and delivered 182 poaches of first class mail and 329 packages while the outgoing mail amounted to 400 pouches of first class mail and 205,000 pieces which fell into other categories.

Most of the mailmen on duty here were trained at Sampson, New York, Naval Postal School which supplemented their wide civilian experience. They are highly capable of handling the numerous departments which make up the station post office, such as money orders, stamp sales and parcel post. They have complete knowledge of the use of directories essential to postal routine.

Of interest is the record file kept on all present and past patients and staff personnel enabling the forwarding of mail to be carried out in an effective manner.

When you received those choice Christmas remembrances from the folks back home, or the letter from the fellow in the Pacific, you should have uttered a thanks also to the energetic crew in the post office. They over-worked during the Christmas season, and will go at full-speed through the rest of the year.

EDITOR AND EDUCATION OFFICER LEAVES NAVY

Dropping the "Lieutenant" appendage from his name and replacing it with "Doctor," is Lt. W. N. Francis, D(L), USNR, editor of the Santana for the past eight months.

During his two-year tour of duty at this hospital, Lt. Francis established and fostered the educational service program. In addition to serving in the capacity of Educational Services Officer, he filled the editorship of the station paper as a collateral duty.

Following release from service he returned to Franklin and Marshall College, Lancaster, Pennsylvania, as associate professor in the literature department. He holds a Doctor of Philosophy degree.

Succeeding him as Educational Services Officer is Lt. R. Hastings, D(L), USNR, transferred here from training at BuPers, Washington, D. C., which followed a year of overseas duty.

Ship's Store Doubles Size; New Limitations on Stock

The Ship's Service store on second deck just doubled in size last month in order to meet the ever-increasing staff and patient population. This addition affords ample room in which merchandise may be favorably displayed in modern show cases. From the commissioning date of the hospital, the one-room store served the personnel in the hospital although the patient census increased ten times, and staff increase kept apace.

As of 1 January 1946, a liquidation of categories of merchandise occurred. Inventories were brought into line with requirements which limit merchandise to that of an essential character to naval personnel. Merchandise of a gift or novelty character which can be carried in stock for resale must be within a set wholesale value. Such items as furs, watches (other than military type), jewelry items with a wholesale cost of over $15, furniture (other than lamps), radios with a wholesale cost over $100, fountain pens over $20 wholesale and other costly miscellany will be prohibited from stock. However, this does not necessarily prohibit servicemen from purchasing via a special order procedure.

The recently appointed Ship's Service Officer is Lt. Elmer W. Levis (HC), USN, who served as commissary officer when assigned to this station previously.

New Shop Program In Engineering Courses

Advanced shop work in radio, electricity, and mechanical drawing is now available under the Educational Services program at the hospital.

Lt. W. E. Bloom, who recently arrived as Educational Services Technical Officer, is heading this new shop program, for which new supplies and equipment have arrived.

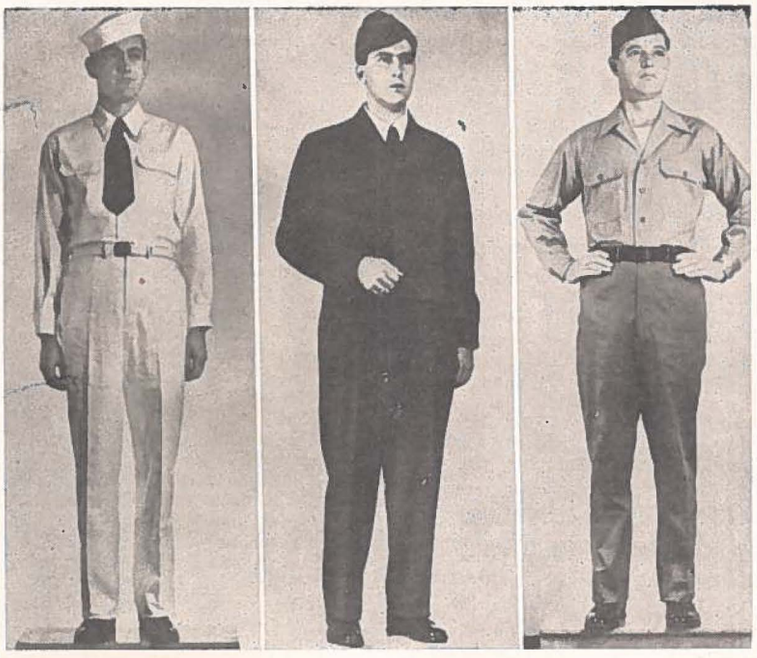
The new program offers patients in bed work kits and instruction in elementary mechanical drawing, elementary radio, elementary electricity, and slide rule.

For patients able to come to the Educational Services offices, shop work is now offered in advanced electricity, advanced mechanical drawing, advanced radio, code practice, and slide rule.

Lt. Bloom, with his assisting radiomen and machinist's mates, will carry on the shop work in the Educational Services laboratory and classrooms at the west end of the N Wards and the nearby Quonsett hut radio and electric shop.

Films on radio, electronics, and similar subjects will be shown as part of the regular program.

PROPOSED NEW NAVY UNIFORM



The three uniforms modeled above are being tested by the Navy for use by enlisted personnel. Left to right, model of summer dress, winter uniform, and proposed summer working uniform.

Navy Testing New Uniforms for EM

The Navy recently revealed a proposed design for the enlisted man's uniform, to replace the bell-bottomed trousers and tight fitting jumpers which has been Navy tradition and custom for six centuries.

Some 2,500 sample uniforms have been distributed to the Atlantic and Pacific fleets, and to shore stations to be tested for wearing and stowage under all conditions. The commanding officers will make criticisms and recommendations following reports which result from trial.

The laced bell-bottomed trousers will be replaced by the conventional cut trouser, and the black neckerchief, which tradition claims was designed by the British as a symbol of mourning for Lord Nelson, will give way to a black four-in-hand tie.

The jumper will be replaced by a sport shirt-style which can be worn open at the neck for undress occasions, and buttoned for dress.

A tailored, waist-length battle jacket is provided for dress wear. Headgear includes garrison caps to be worn with blues and greys, and the sailor white hat to be retained for wear with whites.

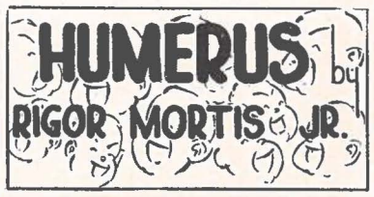
Blues and whites for dress wear and greys for work, with matching shirts and caps make up the proposed outfits. Should the designs test favorably and be adopted, the depletion of present stocks of old-style uniforms must precede initiation of the new.

Jan Savitt and Top Hatter Orchestra Salute Hospital

Jan Savitt and his Top Hatters saluted the men of the U. S. Naval Hospital, Long Beach, on Wednesday, 9 January at 6:30 p.m., as a presentation of "Spotlight Bands."

A full half-hour of the show was broadcast over 240 stations of the Mutual Network, spotlighting the Hospital, the personnel and its activities.

One thing stood out in the Savitt style above all its other characteristics: the kick it gave ordinary tunes and polished classics alike. Savitt paid a lot of attention to swing, but didn't neglect sweet music and danceable quality in his program.



Navy psychiatrist to new recruit: "What do you do with your social life?"

Recruit: "Just sit around."

Dr.: "Don't you ever go out with girls?"

Recruit: "Nope."

Dr.: "Why?"

Recruit: "My wife won't let me."

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Doctor: "I don't like the looks of your husband."

Wife: "I don't either, but he is good to the children."

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Prof.: "You don't know the first thing about syntax."

Student: "Don't tell me they're taxing that, too!"

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Women will be as pleasing to men as whiskey when they learn to improve as much with age.

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1st Mate: "Mac, do you like the intellectual type of girl?"

2nd Mate: "No, but I do like a good head on my shoulder."

LONG BEACH SCHOOLS COME TO HOSPITAL

Credit from the Long Beach City Schools for study done in the hospital is now possible under a plan worked out through the Educational Services Offices.

Mr. C. W. Wilson, instructor from the Long Beach schools, is now assigned to the hospital for regular class instruction and individual study aid. Working with Mr. Wilson are several volunteer patient instructors of the Educational Services Office. Among them are Father J. L. Bonn, Veteran's Administration patient, who is on leave from Boston University, Chief Warrant Officer Collier, and many others.

Patients may be given help with their studies while still bed patients. When they get up they can join the study groups meeting daily in the Educational Services classrooms at the west end of the "N" Wards. English, History, Mathematics, French, Spanish, Mechanical Drawing, and Bookkeeping are among the subjects in which help is offered.

Some of the men are studying in connection with their USAFI correspondence courses, some are preparing for examinations on self-study courses, some are preparing for General Educational Development Tests to determine how they compare with average high school graduates or college freshmen, some are just "brushing up" before returning to school after discharge.

These educational services enable a patient to start his study while in bed, and continue in the classroom after he is up. Convalescents whose homes are near the hospital may, in some cases, be allowed to live at home and go to school regularly, checking into the hospital each week with their doctors. Thus a bed patient, in many cases, can work out a plan that will carry through until his return to school.

Through the Educational Services Office a patient can secure from his high school an official statement of the school work he has done, the academic credit the school might allow for special service training, and the requirements for graduation.

The following correction appeared in a small-town newspaper: "Our paper carried a notice last week that Mr. John Doe is a defective on the police force. This was a typographical error. Mr. Doe is really a detective on the police farce."

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Long Beach Parlor Date: "Shall I leave the dim lights on?"

Seaman: "Naw, turn the dim things out."

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Overheard in Waves Quarters II: "I know he's rich but isn't he too old to be considered eligible?"

"My dear, he's too eligible to be considered old."

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Sailor: "Have you any four-volt, two-watt bulbs?"

Medical Supply Clerk: "For what?"

Sailor: "No, two."

Clerk: "Two what?"

Sailor: "Yeah."

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Chief: "For months I couldn't discover where my wife was spending her evenings."

Boot: "How'd ya find out?"

Chief: "One evening I went home, and there she was."